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Statement By The Chairman

With regard to the decisions taken the chairman made the following statements:

With regard to decision number 7, Methodology for Determining the Ground Resolution of a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) it is recalled that a trial to establish the methods for measuring ground resolution was conducted in Hungary between 5 and 9 October 1992. Data was collected from SARs installed on Canadian, Danish and Russian aircraft and their ground resolution was determined using both the Object Separation and Impulse Response methods. Experts from 17 countries found that both methods were equally valid and therefore that either method could be used for certification and demonstration flights according to the Treaty. However, the experts agreed that the ground resolution of a SAR for the purposes of Article IV paragraph 9 of the Treaty established in accordance with this method shall be no greater than 3.6 meters. Taking note that the methodology for the certification of synthetic aperture radar using the Impulse Response Method is set out in Decision No. 7, is hereby recorded as the understanding of the Commission that the said Decision is to be read in conjunction with a guidance document to be produced in due course.

With regard to the decision of the List of Notifications and Reports and the package of 35 formats it is recorded as the understanding of the Commission, that the notification formats may require review based on the operational experience of the States Parties.

The chairman noted that these statements and understandings met with no Objections, and they would be recorded in the Journal of the meeting.